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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shigeru HOSOE) Group Art Unit: 2873
Serial No.: 09/964,728) Examiner: J. Stultz
Filed: September 28, 2001)
For: OPTICAL ELEMENT, METAL DIE,)
AND CUTTING TOOL)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated January 28, 2003, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 1-13; Group II, claims 14-21; and Group III, claims 22-58. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-13. Applicant hereby reserves the right to file divisional applications having claims directed to other groups of embodiments.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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